

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the title at page 121, lines 1-2 with the following amended title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ~~PERFORMING QUALITY VIDEO COMPRESSION AND MOTION ESTIMATION~~ COMPRESSING A VIDEO IMAGE

Please replace the paragraph at page 121, lines 4 through 14 with the following paragraph:

Method and apparatus for compressing video images are provided. A difference value from a current image and a prior image is calculated and compared against a variable adaptive threshold. If the calculated difference value is less than the variable adaptive threshold, the difference value is subtracted from the variable adaptive threshold to produce a new variable adaptive threshold level, and the video signal is deleted. Otherwise the variable adaptive threshold is reset to a predetermined beginning value, and the video signal is sent to an encoding and transmitting module.